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- According to the Associated Press, about 600 workers were evacuated for about two hours from the government’s former uranium enrichment site in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on Thursday after cleanup crews detected a natural gas odor in a waste burial ground. (See item [26](#))
- The Associated Press reports that a coastal wildfire in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina spread early Thursday toward the Barefoot Landing development, a sprawling complex of houses, condominiums, and golf courses, burning dozens of homes and forcing hundreds to flee in the middle of the night. (See item [37](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED
 Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 23, Associated Press* – (California) **Worker injured, houses rattled in blast near LA.** An explosion at a Los Angeles-area oil refinery rattled nearby houses and caused hundreds of thousands in damage, but left just one worker with minor injuries and required no evacuations at the plant or the surrounding neighborhood, authorities said

April 22. The blast occurred as workers were re-lighting a pair of 100-foot-high furnaces late on April 22 at Paramount Petroleum in the city of Paramount 15 miles south of downtown Los Angeles, said a county fire captain. “There was a build up of gas, which caused the explosion,” the captain said. One man was injured and taken to a hospital. “He was really shaken up, but had no major injuries,” the captain said. No fire resulted from the blast, and there were no leaking fumes that would require evacuations, the captain said. Damages to the furnaces and surrounding structure totaled an estimated \$800,000, he said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/23/AR2009042300711.html>

2. *April 22, Reuters* – (Alaska) **Cook Inlet production shutdown to be prolonged.** With Alaska’s Redoubt Volcano still rumbling and the oil-storage terminal near it still closed, production from most of the Cook Inlet offshore oil platforms that feed the facility is likely to remain shut off for months, representatives of Chevron and the U.S. Coast Guard said on April 22. The Drift River oil terminal, at the mouth of a river that flows from the ash-spewing volcano, has been closed since the initial eruption on March 22. That forced Chevron, operator of 10 of the 11 Cook Inlet oil-producing platforms, to stop production earlier this month for lack of storage space or access to the underwater pipeline that flows to the terminal. “We’ll remain suspended, basically, during the time the Drift River terminal is shut-in because it is the only means for shipment of oil from the west side of Cook Inlet,” a company spokeswoman said. Chevron and terminal operator Cook Inlet Pipe Line Co are seeking shipment and storage alternatives that would allow oil production to resume, said the spokeswoman and a U.S. Coast Guard petty officer.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN2226996620090422>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *April 22, WLOX 13 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **18 wheeler spills flammable chemical on I-10.** It was a congested and messy scene on Interstate 10 on April 21 in Jackson County. An 18-wheeler carrying 2,500 gallons of ether overturned in the median at mile marker 55. A tire from another truck fell off and hit the heavy load. No one was seriously injured. The trailer on the 18-wheeler cracked open, and drums carrying the flammable chemical tumbled out. Several were found to be leaking. A spokesman with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality said the chemical can be dangerous. It is explosive, and it causes respiratory problems,” he said. “They use to use it in hospitals to knock people out, so we are going to be extremely careful about moving this stuff.” Emergency teams rushed to the scene, and the inside lanes of traffic were shutdown to clean up the spill. He said the cleanup job will be a very lengthy process.

Source: http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=10224112&nav=menu40_3

4. *April 21, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **Bayonne area on brief toxic alert.** A quarter-mile area in the industrial section of Bayonne was sealed off April 20 after a fire broke

out in a large trash bin that officials believe contained “residual” amounts of a corrosive chemical, the Bayonne Fire Chief said. He said a manager at Kenrich Petrochemicals told firefighters he suspected there was a “residual product” of phosphorus pentoxide in a 30-cubic-yard container filled with debris. Phosphorus pentoxide reacts vigorously with water and can cause fire. It can cause severe burning to the eyes, skin and respiratory tract. Kenrich officials called the Bayonne Fire Department when a cloud formed above the garbage container, said the company’s vice president of operations. The Kenrich offices are far enough away from the container that they were not evacuated, he added. Although the fire was in an isolated area, the county health commission conducted air tests from East Fifth Street to East 25th Street and the readings came back normal. Kenrich makes additives that serve the plastic, rubber, paint, coatings, adhesive and sealants industries.

Source: <http://www.nj.com/news/jjournal/bayonne/index.ssf?/base/news-5/124029514830740.xml&coll=3>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing

5. *April 23, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Alaska: report on fatal plane crash.** The National Transportation Safety Board has released its final report on a plane crash that killed six people at Kodiak. The Servant Air crash in January 2008 was caused by a faulty nose baggage door latching mechanism that caused the door to open in flight. The plane crashed soon after leaving Kodiak State Airport. The report also says there were no emergency procedures for an in-flight opening of the nose baggage door in the manufacturer’s pilot operating handbook or the pilot training program. The pilot training program also lacked a proper orientation about the door.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/23/us/23brfs-REPORTONFATA_BRF.html

6. *April 22, Charleston State Journal* – (West Virginia) **Two workers injured at Fairmont Plant.** Two workers at the Novelis Light Gauge Plant in Fairmont suffered minor injuries after a fire broke out the evening of April 22. It happened at about 5:00 in the plant’s pits area. The plant’s fire department had the fire under control before firefighters arrived. Four divisions from the Fairmont Fire Department arrived to put out hot spots. The firefighters say they think fumes from some compressed paint cans caused an explosion and fire. The explosion blew the plant’s loading doors off their tracks. The plant compresses scrapped aluminum and ships it for repossessing.

Source: <http://www.statejournal.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=57398>

7. *April 21, Aviation Herald* – (National) **TCCA and FAA to address DH8D gear issues.** Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) and the Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA) have issued Airworthiness Directives to address problems with the main landing gear of de Havilland Dash 8-400s, that could cause the main landing gear to collapse. It was identified, that fatigue cracks at the aft hinge lug of the main landing gear forward stabilizer brace had developed on several aircraft. The cracks could cause the aft hinge to fail and thus the main landing gear to collapse. The Airworthiness Directive calls for a topical inspection of the main landing gear forward stabilizer brace assembly, thereafter an inspection every 2000 flight cycles based on updated instructions released on March 10, 2009 by Goodrich, the manufacturer of the gear assembly. If damage is found during those inspections, repair has to be undertaken according to the updated maintenance instructions released by Goodrich on March 10, 2009.

Source: <http://avherald.com/h?article=41869398&opt=1>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *April 23, CNN* – (National) **Obama in credit card face-off.** Ramping up his campaign to crack down on credit cards, the U.S. President will meet on April 23 with executives of 14 leading companies to press his case for new consumer protections. The White House meeting comes a day after credit card legislation opposed by the financial services industry moved forward on Capitol Hill. The House Financial Services Committee voted 48-19 to approve a bill to clamp down on rates and fees; nine Republicans joined the panel’s Democrats in voting for it. The House bill would, among other things, ban “arbitrary” interest rate increases, prohibit excessive fees and order more disclosure. It could go to the full House for a vote as soon as next week. But the U.S. President’s administration signaled it plans to push for further changes. “We are...working with Congress on legislation that will promote simplicity, require transparency, demand fairness, and ensure accountability — so that we can strengthen consumer protections against abusive and deceptive practices,” a U.S. Presidential adviser said in a statement on April 22. The House bill, and a similar one in the Senate, is a cornerstone of efforts by consumer groups and mostly congressional Democrats to rewrite rules governing lending practices by card companies, banks and others. The House bill, championed by a Representative of New York, is similar to one passed by the House last year.

Source:

http://money.cnn.com/2009/04/23/news/economy/obama_credit_cards/index.htm?postversion=2009042303

9. *April 22, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **TARP still falls short on key issues.** The U.S. government’s rescue of the financial system continues to fall short on the same issues of transparency and taxpayer protection that have dogged the initiative since its

inception in October 2008, oversight groups charged on April 22. The findings suggest the U.S. Presidential Administration still faces headwinds as it tries to recast the bailout program as a salve for the broader economy. U.S. regional banks fell on April 22 as several firms posted quarterly results that echoed the weaknesses reported earlier by their money center cousins, but they lacked the investment banking and trading businesses that helped their bigger rivals. “People are angry because they are paying for programs that have not been fully explained and that have no apparent benefit for their families or the economy as a whole,” a Harvard University law professor told the Treasury Secretary during a hearing on Capitol Hill. A former U.S. Senator, one of two Republicans on the five-member Congressional Oversight Panel, told the Treasury Secretary that the Treasury’s frequent vacillations on continuing stress tests of the top 19 banks and other programs was fostering uncertainty. Such public flagellation has become a frequent occurrence for officials at the Treasury since Congress passed the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program in October 2008 to help banks recapitalize and clean up their balance sheets. The Treasury Secretary acknowledged that results of the aggressive intervention have been “mixed,” but offered a defense officials have expressed both publicly and privately, that the economy would be worse without the steps they have taken.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124031918187138983.html>

10. *April 22, Nashville Business Journal* – (Tennessee) **Charges filed in local Ponzi scheme.** An individual who billed himself as a financial life coach is facing federal criminal charges after prosecutors say the Brentwood man defrauded investors out of nearly \$11 million in a Ponzi scheme. The defendant faces eight counts of wire and mail fraud in documents filed by the U.S. Attorney General’s office in U.S. District Court. In late January, a federal court froze the assets of the defendant and his company, ProTrust Management, after the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed a complaint against him. That complaint alleged that the defendant defrauded 27 investors out of at least \$6.5 million. It also alleged that ProTrust committed ongoing securities fraud by investing in “fictitious securities,” as well as the federal government’s \$825 billion bailout package, also known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP. The SEC says the defendant is not a licensed financial planner nor securities broker, lied about his credentials and lied about affiliations with gold-plate financial services firms such as Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Berkshire Hathaway. The current charges now say the defendant defrauded some 50 clients to the tune of \$10.9 million.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/nashville/stories/2009/04/20/daily26.html>

11. *April 22, Yankton Press & Dakotan* – (South Dakota) **New local scam reported.** After days of being subjected to fraudulent calls seeking personal information, Yankton-area residents have now begun receiving e-mails targeted at customers of a local bank. First Dakota National Bank warned the public of the e-mail scam on April 22 in a media release. The e-mails claim to be a correspondence from First Dakota and offer a link to a site that purports to be that of the financial institution. The e-mail states: “You have 1 new ALERT message. Please login to your First Dakota National Bank Online Login and visit the Message Center section in order to read the message. To Login, please click

the link below: First Dakota National Bank Online Banking.” A spokesman of First Dakota reported earlier in the day that the bank was working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to get the site closed down. A message left with the regional FBI office located in Minneapolis was not returned on April 22. First Dakota was also cited in the phone scam that began on April 17, in which individuals were also asked to give personal information. Later, the calls claimed to be originating from other local banking institutions, as well. The mass-call effort had some individuals receiving three fraudulent calls a day.

Source:

<http://www.yankton.net/articles/2009/04/22/community/doc49efe21ab27a8919216135.txt>

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Transportation Sector

12. *April 22, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Roads washed out across South Dakota.** Numerous roads across South Dakota are under water or have been washed out. Near Cherry Creek on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, the river took out part of a paved road that cut off the main route to town for dozens of people who now have to detour about 50 miles. In northeast South Dakota, the only two east-west roads open from one end of Brown County to the other are state Highway 10 and U.S. Highway 12. The only north-south byway is U.S. Highway 281. The Brown County highway superintendent says there is likely not a road in the county that will not need potholes patched or other repairs. The highway department is monitoring 47 roads, bridges and culverts in Brown County that are closed or in rough shape.
Source: <http://www.kxmc.com/News/364721.asp>
13. *April 22, KSWO 7 Lawton* – (Oklahoma) **Lawton mass casualty exercise.** Near the Lawton Fort Sill Regional Airport, there was a simulated plane crash exercise on April 22. There were dozens of emergency vehicles racing to the scene. The Federal Aviation Administration requires the airport to do one every 3 years and Wednesday’s began around 8 in the morning. It tested how emergency teams and airport staff would respond had there been a real plane crash. An airport manager said the bus that was out in the field simulated a fuselage of an airplane. Then around 40 volunteers acted as casualties. Some of the make-believe casualties walked away while others had to be air lifted out. “Everyone is going to be doing what they are supposed to be doing in a real emergency,” the airport manager said. That even included the police department. Transportation Security Administration officials were present to ensure the exercise was carried out properly.
Source: <http://www.ksw.com/Global/story.asp?S=10232364>
14. *April 22, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **NTSB blames Grand Meadow crash on instrument lack.** A federal investigative report blames a fatal plane crash near Grand Meadow last year on a lack of proper instruments for flying in that day’s foul weather. National Transportation Safety Board’s probable cause report also notes the pilot’s failure to maintain control of the airplane while maneuvering around a wind farm. The

crash on February 8, 2008 killed a 54-year-old resident of Sanger, Texas. The American Airlines pilot was flying a 1948 Cessna 140. The report says the pilot decided to fly that day despite getting weather briefings indicating instrument flying was required along the route. Under such conditions, pilots are supposed to rely on instruments to navigate and maintain control of their planes. The vintage Cessna was not equipped for it.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/6384473.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

15. *April 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Michigan) **Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese LLC announces the recall of Oaxaca cheese due to possible Listeria monocytogenes contamination.** Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese of Reading, Michigan announces the recall of Oaxaca soft Mexican-style cheese due to potential Listeria monocytogenes contamination. Consumption of food contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes can cause Listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Products were distributed to the following states: Illinois and Minnesota. The recalled Oaxaca cheese product was distributed to retail stores and delis in 10 pound balls, labeled with the name “Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese LLC.” The recall encompasses production dates March 17, 2009 with an expiration date of May 20, 2009. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with the recalled products. Consumers and retailers are urged to return all unused recalled product to the manufacturer.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/torres04_09.html

16. *April 20, UCLA Health System* – (California) **Pesticide exposure found to increase risk of Parkinson’s disease.** The fertile soil of California’s Central Valley has long made it famous as one of the nation’s prime crop-growing regions. But it is not just the soil that allows for such productivity. Crops like potatoes, dry beans, and tomatoes have long been protected from bugs and weeds by the fungicide maneb and the herbicide paraquat. Scientists know that in animal models and cell cultures, such pesticides trigger a neurodegenerative process that leads to Parkinson’s disease. Now, researchers at UCLA provide the first evidence for a similar process in humans. In a new epidemiological study of Central Valley residents who have been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, researchers found that years of exposure to the combination of these two pesticides increased the risk of Parkinson’s by 75 percent. Further, for people 60 years old or younger diagnosed with Parkinson’s, earlier exposure had increased their risk for the disease by as much as four- to six-fold. Reporting in the April 15 issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology, the professor of epidemiology at the UCLA School of Public Health and a former doctoral student at UCLA who is now at the University of California, Berkeley found that Central Valley residents who lived within 500 meters of

fields sprayed between 1974 and 1999 had a 75-percent increased risk for Parkinson's.

Source:

<http://www.uclahealth.org/body.cfm?xyzpdqabc=0&id=561&action=detail&ref=1180>

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Water Sector

17. *April 22, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Alaska lawmakers approve cruise ship discharge bill.** The Alaska Legislature has given cruise ships a chance to delay water discharge requirements put in place three years ago by a citizen's initiative. Clean water advocates hope the opportunity is short-lived. Waivers could be in place through 2015 unless technology is available for vessels to meet standards. A sponsor of the 2006 initiative said that could happen well before the new law allowing waivers expires. "Nobody's saying you're going to get pass until 2015," he said. Alaska voters in 2006 approved a cruise ship initiative fought by the industry that established a \$50 passenger head tax and an "Ocean Ranger" program to monitor safety, environmental compliance and sanitation. The measure also established wastewater dumping regulations that require cruise ships to meet state water quality standards. The measure applied to treatment of a ship's "gray water," from showers, sinks, washing machines and galleys, and "black water," used in toilets.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/cruises/2009-04-22-alaska-cruise-ship-discharge_N.htm

18. *April 22, NorthJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Fish, birds dying in high numbers at Oradell Reservoir.** Fish and birds have been dying in higher-than-normal numbers at Oradell Reservoir for at least a week, prompting United Water and the state Division of Fish and Wildlife to launch an investigation. "There is absolutely no doubt that this is unusual," a spokesman for Harrington Park-based United Water, said about reports of a growing number of dead birds and fish at the reservoir. However, he stressed that the water supply was safe. "The water supply goes through a filtration process that would be able to take out anything that would be of harm," he said. "The water supply is perfectly safe. We test our finished water on the hour. There has been no damage to the water supply. The damage here is to wildlife. We have an abundance of wildlife within the reservoir that depends on the reservoir for their living." Henning said a security worker noticed the dead fish — mostly carp — along the reservoir shores on April 14 and contacted the Haworth Police Department. United Water contacted Fish and Wildlife to investigate the cause and determine how to stem the die-off, he said. So far, state investigators have been unable to determine a cause of death because the carcasses have been so badly decomposed.
Source:
http://www.northjersey.com/environment/Fish_birds_dying_in_high_numbers_at_Oradell_Reservoir.html

19. *April 22, Santa Rosa Press Democrat* – (California) **Gallo faces fine for vineyard reservoir.** E&J Gallo faces a \$73,000 fine for illegal diversion of Russian River water into an eight-acre vineyard reservoir near Healdsburg, according to a state water board

complaint. Gallo, the Modesto-based company that is the nation's largest winery, can pay the fine proposed by the State Water Resources Control Board or dispute it in a hearing, a step that would risk increasing the penalty to more than \$500,000. The water board's complaint, posted online Wednesday, claims that Gallo lacked the authority to pump river water into the reservoir located off Westside Road. For at least three years, Gallo used the water for frost protection and irrigation of a 395-acre vineyard, the complaint said. Gallo's action reduced the amount of water available to downstream water right holders and may have contributed to reduced habitat for steelhead trout, an endangered species, the complaint said. Gallo did not have an immediate response to the complaint.

Source:

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20090422/ARTICLES/904229856/1350?Title=Gallo-faces-fine-for-vineyard-reservoir>

20. *April 21, Gaston Gazette* – (North Carolina) **Sulfur dioxide leak brings out hazmat crew.** The Gastonia Fire Department Special Operations Team responded to South Gaston County on Tuesday afternoon for a sulfur dioxide leak at the city of Gastonia Waste Water Treatment Plant. The sulfur dioxide leak was coming from the valve of a 1-ton cylinder. The Fire Department's hazmat team quickly had the valve sealed and the leak contained. Sulfur dioxide is used in the treatment of sewage and removes chlorine from the water. The public was never in any danger, according to a release from the Gastonia Fire Department.

Source:

http://www.gastongazette.com/news/leak_32990_article.html/dioxide_sulfur.html

21. *April 21, East Valley Tribune* – (Arizona) **Johnson Utilities spills effluent.** About 9,000 gallons of effluent leaked out of a holding area and into a retention basin at a Johnson Utilities facility in Pinal County on Monday. The incident occurred at the Pecan Water Reclamation Plant. Company officials said it was treated wastewater commonly used for irrigating golf courses and open spaces. The company has the holding area to store effluent before it is pumped for irrigation, but it had not been used in a while, said the vice president. Part of the dirt berm, a packed earthen wall to hold the water in, failed and caused the leak, he said. The water spilled into a retention basin south of the plant. "That's where it was contained," he said. "We fixed the breach and refirmed up the berm." Crews were cleaning up the water Monday and were going to chlorinate the area as a precaution, according to an e-mail the company sent to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. On Tuesday morning, a little water remained to be evaporated, he said. ADEQ had also scheduled a site visit.

Source: <http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/138221>

22. *April 21, Columbia Daily Tribune* – (Missouri) **City water to take on a new bouquet soon.** A year after Columbia residents learned there were increased levels of a carcinogen in their drinking water, the city is moving forward with a plan to add ammonia to the water. Municipal water from the city's McBaine treatment plant now is disinfected with chlorine, a treatment that will continue. The Columbia City Council Monday night approved the purchase of equipment that also would inject ammonia

sulfate into the city's drinking water supply before it flows to customers. The Water and Light director said adding the ammonia will form chloramines that will lower trihalomethanes, the carcinogen in Columbia water that put the city in violation of environmental standards last year. The city has been working with the University of Missouri and the state Department of Natural Resources to study the source of the trihalomethanes and how to address the problem. Recent tests by MU have shown that chloramine, the disinfectant formed when ammonia sulfate and chlorine are combined, reduced trihalomethane levels by 50 percent in some cases. The Third Ward councilman said he understood the need for the ammonia but asked about the effects on the water's taste. "It could affect the taste and odor of the water," he said. "It may be perceptible to some and not others. We used this "disinfection method' in Texas, and it is very common. We don't anticipate a big difference." A Water and Light spokeswoman said the city still needs approval from DNR on its ammonia plan but the city is looking at starting ammonia disinfection in June. The utility will send a letter to all customers 30 days before ammonia disinfection. "We've started talking to hospitals and dialysis clinics," she said. "There isn't a concern if you are drinking it, but there could be a concern if it's entering directly into the bloodstream." Hospitals "have said they already use filters that would filter out the chloramines." She told the council that ammonia is a short-term solution and the city will continue seeking long-term answers to the trihalomethane problem.

Source: <http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2009/apr/21/city-water-to-take-on-a-new-bouquet-soon/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

23. *April 22, KSBY 6 Santa Maria* – (California) **Marian Medical Center patients' personal information may be compromised.** Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria says recent patients of the emergency room and Urgent Care Center should be on alert after a Blackberry containing patient information, including patient names, Social Security numbers, dates of birth and medical histories, was stolen from the hospital. Last week, a letter was mailed out to about 3,200 patients explaining what happened and what can be done. Hospital administrators said once they realized the device was missing, the Blackberry was immediately shut down. Marian Medical Center said this is the first time something like this has happened and is looking at ways to prevent it from happening again. Administrators said they have set up a credit monitoring service for patients at no cost to them to help monitor their credit. The hospital has also set up a hotline to address any concerns.

Source: <http://www.ksby.com/Global/story.asp?S=10232780>

24. *April 22, CNN* – (Maryland) **Army: 3 vials of virus samples missing from Maryland facility.** Missing vials of a potentially dangerous virus have prompted an Army investigation into the disappearance from a lab in Frederick, Maryland. Fort Detrick is the home of the Army's top biological research facility. The Army's Criminal Investigation Command agents have been visiting Fort Detrick to investigate the disappearance of the vials. The spokesman for the command said this latest investigation

has found “no evidence of criminal activity.” The vials contained samples of Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis, a virus that sickens horses and can be spread to humans by mosquitoes. In 97 percent of cases, humans with the virus suffer flu-like symptoms, but it can be deadly in about 1 out of 100 cases, according to a spokeswoman for the Army’s Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. There is an effective vaccine for the disease and there has not been an outbreak in the United States since 1971. The vials had been at the research institute’s facility at Fort Detrick, home of the Army’s top biological research facility, for more than a decade. The three missing vials were among thousands of vials that were under the control of a senior scientist who retired in 2004. During the investigation, the retired scientist and another former Fort Detrick researcher cooperated with investigating agents and came back to the facility to help look for the vials. The investigators know that several years ago an entire freezer full of biological samples broke down and all the samples had to be safely destroyed. But a complete inventory of what was in the freezer was not done before the samples were destroyed. There is a “strong possibility” the vials were in that freezer and destroyed, but that is not known for sure.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2009/US/04/22/missing.virus.sample/>

25. *April 21, CNN* – (California) **CDC: Swine flu seen in 2 California children.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is investigating two cases of swine flu detected in children in the San Diego, California, area last week. Swine flu is caused by a virus similar to the regular flu virus that circulates in people every year, but is a strain that is typically found only in pigs or in people who have direct contact with pigs. The children were infected with a virus known as swine influenza A H1N1, which has a unique combination of genes not previously seen in flu viruses in either humans or swine — although it shares similarities with a virus that has been circulating in pigs since 1999. Typically one person in the United States is infected with swine flu every one to two years, although there have been 12 cases in the three-year period between December 2005 and January 2009. Most of the time, people who get sick from swine flu have been in contact with pigs, and the virus does not spread from person to person. Since neither of the two children, a 10-year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl, had contact with pigs, it “increases the possibility that human-to-human transmission of this new influenza virus has occurred,” according to a CDC report.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/04/22/swine.flu.california/>

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Government Facilities Sector

26. *April 23, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **DOE cleanup site in Tenn. evacuated after odor.** About 600 workers were evacuated for about two hours from the government’s former uranium enrichment site in Tennessee on April 23 after cleanup crews detected a natural gas odor in a waste burial ground. The Department of Energy declared an emergency at the former K-25 site in Oak Ridge shortly after 8:30 a.m. when an excavation operator struck something underground and smelled fumes similar to natural gas or propane. The evacuation ended about two hours later, but workers were not immediately allowed to return to the site. The excavators were digging in a 5-acre field

where solvents and debris were dumped from the 1950s to 1976. A DOE spokesman said no injuries were reported, but officials ordered the evacuation as a precaution when the “odor spread beyond the affected area.” About 1,500 people work at the former K-25 site, which was created in the 1940s to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons and fuel for commercial power reactors. The complex was shut down in the 1980s. For several years, the site has been undergoing a multimillion-dollar cleanup to convert it into an industrial park that has been renamed East Tennessee Technology Park.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2009/04/23/ap6329654.html>

27. *April 22, MidlandsConnect.com* – (South Carolina) **Suspicious package at federal courthouse.** As of the afternoon of April 22, authorities were investigating reports of a suspicious package found at the Federal Courthouse in downtown Columbia. Details were limited, but it was confirmed that the Columbia Police and Fire Departments were on the scene and that police closed a two block radius around the courthouse to traffic as a precaution.

Source: http://www.midlandsconnect.com/news/news_story.aspx?id=290313

28. *April 20, WIRED* – (International) **The great Brazilian sat-hat crackdown.** On March 18, Brazilian Federal Police swooped in on 39 suspects in six states in the largest crackdown to date on a growing problem in Brazil: illegal hijacking of U.S. military satellite transponders. “This had been happening for more than five years,” says a spokesman for the Brazilian Federal Police. “Since the communication channel was open, not encrypted, lots of people used it to talk to each other.” The practice is so entrenched, and the knowledge and tools so widely available, few believe the campaign to stamp it out will be quick or easy. Much of this country’s geography is remote, and beyond the reach of cellphone coverage, making American satellites an ideal, if illegal, communications option. The problem goes back more than a decade, to the mid-1990s, when Brazilian radio technicians discovered they could jump on the UHF frequencies dedicated to satellites in the Navy’s Fleet Satellite Communication system, or FLTSATCOM. They have been at it ever since. Truck drivers say they provide better range and sound than ham radios. Rogue loggers in the Amazon use the satellites to transmit coded warnings when authorities threaten to close in. Drug dealers and organized criminal factions use them to coordinate operations. The crackdown, called “Operation Satellite,” was Brazil’s first large-scale enforcement against the problem. Police followed coordinates provided by the U.S. Department of Defense and confirmed by Anatel, Brazil’s FCC. Among those charged were university professors, electricians, truckers and farmers, the police say. The suspects face up to four years and jail, but are more likely to be fined if convicted.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/politics/security/news/2009/04/fleetcom>

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Emergency Services Sector

29. *April 23, USA Today* – (National) **FAA plan would require alarms on air ambulances.** A proposal aimed at stemming crashes of air ambulances would require that the helicopters carry alarms that would warn pilots if they are close to hitting the ground, the Federal Aviation Administration announced Wednesday. The alarm is part of a computerized device that can track every hill and radio tower in the world, warning pilots when they get too close to danger. The Terrain Awareness Warning System (TAWS), which is credited with preventing dozens of accidents on jets, would cost about \$100,000 per helicopter. Between December 2007 and October 2008, 13 air ambulance accidents killed 35 people. The FAA has pressured air-ambulance operators to improve safety and add devices such as TAWS, but so far the effort has been voluntary. The National Transportation Safety Board, which investigates aviation accidents, had criticized the FAA for not moving more quickly. There are more than 800 air-ambulance helicopters in the United States, and more than 40 percent of operators have begun installing the device on their fleets, the FAA estimates.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-04-23-air-ambulance_N.htm
30. *April 23, Yahoo Tech* – (New York) **NYPD computers targeted by international hackers.** New York's police commissioner says international hackers try at least 70,000 times a day to gain unauthorized entry into the computer system of the nation's largest police force. But he said Wednesday all the attempts have failed because of a strong protection system that prevents security breaches. The NYPD has documented computers in China, the Netherlands and other countries that illegally scan NYPD computers, looking to hack into the system. He described the computer threats to the NYPD in a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations.
Source: http://tech.yahoo.com/news/ap/20090423/ap_on_hi_te/us_nypd_international
31. *April 22, Tucson Citizen* – (Arizona) **Tucson Police Department battling computer virus.** City officials are cleaning up after a virus infected computers used by the Tucson Police Department earlier this week. The chief information officer for the city said the virus did not affect emergency services but the department's connection with national crime databases was shut down to prevent the spread of the malignant program. She said the program was first detected over the weekend, adding that she does not know how the virus got into the system but that it had been contained after it had infected about 100 computers. Most of the computers were up and running by Thursday.
Source: <http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/daily/local/114967.php>
32. *April 22, Grady County Express Star* – (Oklahoma) **Exercise to test medical capability.** The Oklahoma State Department of Health began a two-day exercise Wednesday to test capabilities related to mass distribution of medication and medical surge in the event of a public health emergency. The purpose for this exercise is to improve the ability of medical systems to respond and recover from disastrous emergencies such as large scale evacuations, terrorism or pandemic outbreaks as well as making sure hospitals have the ability to obtain additional resources when needed. "This exercise coincides with the Cities Readiness Initiative which is a CDC concept based on an anthrax event which hospitals will have to request resources and make sure they are following the correct procedures to do so," said a Comanche County Health Department

official. Exercises such as these allow for local communities to partner together during catastrophic times. Regional teams will be participating in the exercise to provide guidance for improving response time. On Wednesday, April 22, the exercise will be testing communication systems in the county to make sure that if an emergency were to occur, contacting the correct people would be a smooth process.

Source: http://www.chickashanews.com/local/local_story_112171510.html

33. *April 20, Schenectady Daily Gazette* – (New York) **Area fire officials to study risk of falls.** Fire officials are taking stock of their gear and reviewing their districts to comply with a state mandate requiring they have special gear to prevent falls in situations when firefighters get trapped on upper floors. The state Department of Labor issued an emergency rule in March that requires fire companies to assess the level of risk firefighters are exposed to as it pertains to being trapped on upper levels. State legislation calling for evaluations of these risks and the purchase of appropriate equipment to minimize them went into effect in November 2008, according to a state Labor Department spokeswoman. The types of buildings and other structures within the fire company's area of operation have to be identified and officials are asked to review operating procedures that are followed when firefighters get trapped. If it is determined that firefighters can be expected to face the risk of being trapped at elevations, the fire companies have to provide each interior structural firefighter with a properly fitted escape rope and other items, according to the rule. State Labor Department spokeswoman said the department will perform inspections to check for compliance. In the event fire companies are not in compliance, the department issues a notice of violation and gives departments the opportunity to comply before issuing any fines.
- Source: http://www.dailygazette.com/news/2009/apr/20/0420_fire_gear/

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Information Technology

34. *April 21, CNET News* – (International) **F-Secure says stop using Adobe Acrobat Reader.** With all the Internet attacks that exploit Adobe Acrobat Reader people should switch to using an alternative PDF reader, a security expert said at the RSA security conference on April 22. Of the targeted attacks so far this year, more than 47 percent of them exploit holes in Acrobat Reader while six vulnerabilities have been discovered that target the program, the chief research officer of security firm F-Secure, said in a briefing with journalists. Just last month, Adobe issued a fix for an Acrobat Reader hole that attackers had been exploiting for months, after issuing a patch for a critical vulnerability in Flash player the month before. In 2008, the favored targeted attack vector was Microsoft Word, which had 15 known vulnerabilities, compared to Acrobat Reader's 19, and which represented 34.5 percent of the attacks, compared to 28.6 percent for Acrobat Reader, he said. Top-level executives, defense contractors, and other people who have access to specific sensitive corporate or government information are subject to targeted attacks where an attacker sends a file that has malicious code embedded in it. Once the file is opened, the computer is infected typically with a back door that then steals data. PDF and Flash browser plug-ins are also used in attacks known as "drive-by downloads" in which malware is surreptitiously downloaded onto a computer while the

user is surfing the Web. The number of PDF files used in attacks rose from 128 between January 1 and April 16 last year to more than 2,300 in that same time period during this year, the chief research officer said.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-10224449-83.html

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Communications Sector

35. *April 23, Kennebec Journal* – (Maine) **Fire knocks out cable, Internet for 27,000.** Some 27,000 Time Warner Cable subscribers are without cable and Internet service following a fire Thursday at the intersection of Western Avenue and Granite Hill Road. An overload on a transformer set an electrical pole on fire. That, in turn, caused a grass fire shortly after 11 a.m. Thursday, according to the Manchester town manager. The fire damaged Time Warner fiber optic cable, leaving 27,000 subscribers in Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Manchester, Readfield and elsewhere without service.
Source: <http://www.xchangemag.com/hotnews/Fire-Knocks-Out-Cable-Internet-for-27000.html>
36. *April 22, CNET News* – (National) **AT&T cuts cord on VoIP service.** AT&T has pulled the plug on its CallVantage voice over IP phone service, according to letters from subscribers this week. The service competed with other VoIP services like Vonage. VoIP services use broadband networks to place phone calls. These services are much less expensive than traditional landline phone services and cost between \$20 and \$30 per month. An AT&T spokesman has said that the VoiceWing service will be disconnected in phases throughout the year. And the company will send several more reminders to its customers before it shuts down the service.
Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1035_3-10225426-94.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *April 23, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **SC wildfire burns homes near popular beach area.** A coastal wildfire spread early Thursday toward one of the busiest tourist stretches in South Carolina, burning dozens of homes and forcing hundreds to flee in the middle of the night. No injuries were reported. Police banged on doors to awaken residents as strong winds pushed the blaze through a wooded swath toward the Barefoot Landing development, a sprawling complex of houses, condominiums and golf courses separated from the main route through Myrtle Beach by the Intracoastal Waterway.

Officials hoped the waterway would act as a natural firebreak to protect more populated areas closer to the beach. State fire officials said as many as 40 homes had been damaged or destroyed. A North Myrtle Beach spokeswoman said only that 40 homes were damaged and the extent of that would not be known until later in the day. About 2,500 people in a four-mile stretch on the western side of the waterway were told to leave their homes overnight, she said. Shelters were set up at North Myrtle Beach City Hall and the House of Blues, where about 50 people watched a television over the bar looking for news updates. A cause of the fire, which started a day earlier in a wooded area west of the beach, had not been determined. Adding to the problem were heavily vegetated patches called Carolina Bays that caught fire and fueled the blaze. The area is the anchor of the state's \$16 billion tourist industry, drawing college students for its low-cost spring break and families who fill miles of budget beachfront hotels along the coast from Memorial through Labor Day.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jOetEkD3L-lyG3yKvPFaCDZhS8vAD97O5KNO2>

38. *April 23, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Police arrest 2 in noxious devices in store case.** Police say two men face multiple charges after they were accused of leaving devices that emitted a noxious odor in a Henderson, Nevada clothing store. No one was hurt, and Henderson police credit a store security guard with chasing the two suspects before they were arrested a little before 9 p.m. Tuesday. Police say the homemade devices did not explode or catch fire. They contained an ammonia-based chemical that expanded and emitted a strong odor in the Burlington Coat Factory near Stephanie Street and Sunset Road. Police say one suspect faces conspiracy, burglary and explosives charges, while the other faces conspiracy, weapon, and unlawful possession of burglary tools charges.

Source:

http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_12208884?nclick_check=1&forced=true

39. *April 23, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Explosives found, 2 Ark. day-care centers emptied.** Authorities say two day-care centers in Russellville were evacuated after the discovery of several containers of explosive liquids in the carport of a nearby home. A school several blocks away from the scene was also locked down for a time. Authorities say the containers were inside three duffel bags. One of the containers ignited when bomb-squad officers fired a water cannon at the containers. The carport caught fire as a result, but the flames were put out before the home was consumed. Russellville police say no one was injured. Russellville police went to the home about 9:30 Wednesday morning after a confidential informant reported the suspicious packages. Police then summoned the Russellville Fire Department, and later were assisted by officers of the Conway Police Department's bomb squad unit. Russellville police captain says several people are being investigated in connection with the incident, which he said stemmed from an arrest made a few weeks ago. The incident is being investigated by the FBI and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, who arrived Wednesday afternoon.

Source: http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=10235004&nav=menu1344_2

40. *April 22, KIFI 8 Idaho Falls* – (Idaho) **AmeriTel Inn in Pocatello evacuated.** People staying at the AmeriTel Inn in Pocatello were evacuated Wednesday evening after chlorine spilled and then came in contact with pool acid inside. It happened just before 8 p.m. Pocatello fire fighters along with hazmat teams responded. Those inside were evacuated and no one was injured. The duty chief said around three gallons of chlorine spilled and an unknown amount of acid spilled. Two employees that were in the area when the spill happened were taken to Portneuf Medical Center for evaluations. Folks were allowed back inside around 8:30 p.m. No word yet on what caused the spill.
Source: http://www.localnews8.com/Global/story.asp?S=10233186&nav=menu554_4_4

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

41. *April 22, Kuna Melba News* – (Idaho) **Canal leak closes Ten Mile Road in Kuna.** A section of Ten Mile Road between Lake Hazel Road and Columbia Road in Kuna remains partially closed this week due to a canal leak that is undermining the integrity of Ten Mile Road. The leak is apparently being caused by a sewer line that was installed last summer, according to a Kuna city engineer. The sewer line, actually two 12-inch forced sewer mains, was laid underneath Ten Mile Road by H2 Excavation last summer as part of construction of the new wastewater treatment plant near the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Lake Hazel. At a point north of Columbia Road, an irrigation canal runs east to west underneath Ten Mile Road. At that point, the sewer line was pushed underneath the canal at what was supposed to be a depth of at least 19 inches, the engineer said. That appears to be where the problem lies, although it is difficult to say what the problem exactly is at this point, he said.

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